

Child Nutrition (CN) Procurement True or False:

1. T or F If my district is a member of a group organized for buying; I do not need to know what is in the vendor contract, how a price is developed by the vendor or how the group is paid for service.
2. T or F Incorrectly purchasing products or services for child nutrition programs puts general funds at risk.
3. T or F All purchases or expenditures using CN federal funds such as foods, supplies, garbage service, kitchen equipment, office supplies, and consulting services must be competed using formal or informal methods.
4. T or F The sales representative that takes my order knows all about CN procurement.
5. T or F Once I have selected a vendor via the bid process for a list of specified items, I can purchase anything in the vendor's warehouse.
6. T or F IEC members need to get formal or informal bids for the 2010-2011 school years for items that are not part of the IEC 2007 market basket.

1. False. The School food Authority is responsible for procurement rule following and must know how the group operates.

2. True. Any expenditures by the CN fund which are considered unallowable if it is not procured correctly are at risk to be returned to the USDA. Money paid to the USDA must come from the District's general fund, not the CN fund.

3. True. There are no exemptions from the rules. Everything must be competed. Even purchasing a fan for the office requires an informal price checking and purchase of the lowest cost item which meets specifications.

4. False. The purpose of the sales representative is to sell products for their company. The Bureau of Nutrition, Health, and Transportation Services is your sole source for procurement information for USDA Child nutrition programs.

5. False. Two considerations: 1) There are items in the vendor's warehouse that would not be considered reasonable and/or necessary for a CN program. 2) You can purchase items not originally listed on the bid document **only** if a method to price items requested in the future was identified as a part of the bid process. Note: items identified after the bid process should be a small number of items related to changes in service or new products. If there is no method identified, any new item would need to go through the formal or informal procurement process (depending on dollars spent annually in the category and spending threshold).

6. True. As per the memo issued on July 23, 2010 ([click here](#) for the memo) the only IEC items competed were on the 2007 market basket ([click here](#) for the 2007 market basket).